

We claim:

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- 1 11. A system comprising data processing means wherein a generic traversal process is
- employed that can be applied to the macro structure of a financial instrument to im-
- 3 plement one or more functions that produce results based on this information.
- 1 12. The system of claim 11, wherein each said function is implemented as a specific ex-
- 2 tension of said generic traversal process to generate a specified type of result.





- 1 13. The system of claim 12, wherein each traversal process is based on a well defined
- 2 interface between the financial events contained in the financial event structure of a
- 3 financial instrument and said traversal process.
- 1 14. The system of claim 13, wherein the action to be performed for each type of financial
- event is defined, in said specific traversal process, independently from the action for
- 3 any other type of financial event.
- 1 15. (Amended) The system of claim 1314, wherein the overall result of applying a func-
- 2 tion specific traversal process to the financial event structure of a financial instrument
- 3 is a combination of applying all individual financial actions to the respective financial
- 4 events in a prescribed way.
- 1 16. The system of claim 11, wherein said traversal process is implemented via a double
- 2 dispatch mechanism.
- 1 17. The system of claim 16, wherein said double dispatch mechanism selects the appro-
- 2 priate action for each financial event without predetermined knowledge of the over-
- 3 all referential structure of the financial event structure.
- 1 18. The system of claim 16, wherein a nested double dispatch mechanism initiated inside
- 2 the action for a given financial event can select the appropriate action for any finan-
- 3 cial event referred to locally within the financial event.
- 1 19. The system of claim 18 wherein said nested double dispatch mechanism can be ap-
- 2 plied recursively to any level.